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Employees and Volunteer Recognized for Service

The City of Sturgis recently recognized employees and volunteers for outstanding performance, dedication and commitment in 2014. While many employees and volunteers were nominated for their outstanding efforts, only one employee and one volunteer received the 2014 top awards.

2014 Employee of the Year was awarded to Detective Dan Davidson. Detective Davidson has been with the Sturgis Police Department since 2001. His supervisor stated that Dan always represents the department and the City in the best possible way. His commitment to his fellow workers and supervisors is never faltering. Dan has never shown disrespect towards anyone. He has been very instrumental in the enhanced enforcement of Rally sales tax reporting during the last two Motorcycle Rallies.



Detective Dan Davidson

2014 Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Chief Tom Trigg of the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Trigg has been actively volunteering in the community for 36 years. He is involved in the community through many efforts such as Fire Prevention Week, Homecoming, Parade of Lights and more. He also teaches fire extinguisher and other safety classes. Tom is also an Emergency Medical Responder who helps with training and recruiting of Ambulance and Fire personnel.



Chief Tom Trigg

A Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Chief Jim Bush. Chief Bush has served the Sturgis community for more than three decades. The Lifetime Achievement Award is new and will only be awarded to those who have demonstrated their commitment and outstanding performance to the residents of Sturgis throughout a lengthy career. Henceforth, this award will be known as the Chief Jim Bush Lifetime Award.



Chief Jim Bush

Each year, the City accepts nominations from employees and the public for Outstanding Employee and Volunteer of the Year.

Building Permits Steady in 2014

Reporting for January through November, 2014 shows the City of Sturgis issuing 10 new home building permits. This number is one less than the same time in 2013. The estimated combined value of those new homes was \$2,375,000.

In addition to the new construction permits, the Building Inspector issued 63 permits for remodels and repairs. Those permits were valued at \$392,683.

In April of 2014, the City hired a consulting firm to conduct a housing study. That study confirmed the

need for housing of all types in the Sturgis community. Many people drive to Sturgis to work but are unable to find housing within the community. According to City Manager Ainslie, it is very difficult to grow a community and expand retail opportunities when you have a housing shortage because new retailers base their decisions to expand on the number of residents located in a community.

The City expects to see at least two new subdivisions within the city limits in 2015.



2014 Survey
Enclosed

Upcoming Events and Activities

Library Board - January 28 at 4:00 in the Library.

City Offices will be closed on January 1 for New Years Day. Trash normally picked up on Thursday will be collected on Wednesday.

City Offices will be closed on January 19 for Martin Luther King Day. Trash normally picked up on Monday will be collected on Tuesday.

Pinterest of the Month at the Library - January 24 Learn how to make your own spa products. 1:00 at the Library - please RSVP in advance.



Reminder from area Law Enforcement

The Sturgis Police and Meade County Sheriff's Department will be conducting DUI checkpoints at various locations during the holidays.

Play it safe and use a designated driver!

Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

Council Members

Ward One:

Mike Bachand 490-1054

Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361

Ward Two:

David Hersrud 347-5061

Marcia Johnston 347-2483

Ward Three:

Jason Anderson 490-1618

Ron Waterland 720-5010

Ward Four:

Branden Bestgen 644-6005

Tim Potts 720-4233

City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

Upcoming Meetings

Sturgis City Council: January 5 and 20 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building.

Planning and Zoning: January 6 at 5:30pm at City Hall.

Park Board: January 13 at 7:00pm at the Community Center.

Sturgis Welcomes New and Expanding Businesses

Jake's Auto Body, currently located in Spearfish, will soon relocate to 2416 Junction Avenue, Sturgis. Jake's owners Aaron and Megan Schoon purchased the 6,000 sq. ft. building from Scott Peterson Motors in November.



In addition to extensive renovations and storm damage repairs, a new 2,000 sq. ft. addition is being added on the north side of the building. They expect to be open for business in February 2015.

Jake's President Aaron Schoon states, "We are really excited to come to Sturgis. We see a lot of exciting things happening in Sturgis and want to be a part of its growth." Schoon started Jake's Auto Body in 2009. They currently employ four full time and expect that to grow to six when they relocate. Jake's specializes in collision repair and automotive restoration services. Their new location will offer eight bays for enhanced customer service and feature state-of-the art equipment in their environmentally-conscious shop.

Dakota Hardware is now open in the former Hardware Hank building at 2222 Junction. Dakota Hardware is owned and managed by the Bowman family who also owns Dakota Lumber and Hardware of Belle Fourche. They have been serving Belle Fourche and the surrounding community since 1979. Dakota Hardware is a full service store offering custom paint matching, window and screen repair, a seasonal green house and equipment rentals. Stop by and see the many upgrades that have recently been made to the store.

Indian Motorcycle Sturgis hosted a groundbreaking ceremony November 20 at the construction site of their new Main Street dealership. The two-story, 22,000-sq. ft. building will sit in the heart of the Indian Motorcycle Sturgis campus and showcase the impressive product and service capabilities of Indian Motorcycle Sturgis.



This expansion will more than double the space they currently occupy. General contractor Gustafson Construction plans to have the building completed by mid-June.

Governor's Office Announces New CTE Program at Sturgis Industrial Park

The Governor's Office of Economic Development has announced funding for a new high school level Career & Technical Education (CTE) Machinist Program to be located in the Sturgis Industrial Park. Through two Future Fund grants totaling \$189,967, awarded by Gov. Dennis Daugaard to the Meade School District and the Sturgis Economic Development Corp (SEDC), and an additional \$99,999 from USDA Rural Development, the new CTE program is already looking to grow.

The new CTE machinist program will relocate from the high school to the Sturgis Industrial Park, a South Dakota Certified Ready Site, once the 5,100 square-foot incubator facility is complete in 2015. A portion of the facility will house the CTE machinist shop and classroom, in addition to offering space for industrial start-ups. According to Pat Kurtenbach, president, SEDC, it will have the capacity to offer training space for other Northern Hills high schools, and could benefit adult education as well.

"Metal-related manufacturing is a large part of Sturgis's industrial sector and is a huge contributor to our economy each year," said Kurtenbach. "These funds are helping to not only develop commercial and industrial growth, but ultimately it's investing in our future workforce."

For more information about the CTE Incubator, contact SEDC by calling 605-347-4906.

New Year's Resolution Membership Drive

The Sturgis Community Center will kick off 2015 by holding a new membership drive. All members who purchase a new membership or who want to renew an expiring membership will receive a free month of use if they sign up during the week of January 5-11.



Those interested in activities and services offered at the Community Center are invited to stop by for a free tour of the facility anytime during regular hours. Convenient day passes are also available for purchase at the front desk. Ask about our 24 hour access option available to members only.

Exercise Caution When Using Ice Melt

Following a very icy winter last season, many areas in the U.S. experienced a shortage of ice melt/salt. This year some residents are stocking up early in the year. These products will usually keep during the summer months if stored properly in an air tight container.

Consumer Reports cautions homeowners on their use of salt around the home. Most ice melt products contain chemicals that are harmful to pets and lawns and can cause significant damage to concrete. Consumer Reports suggests you read the packaging instructions carefully and follow the application instructions to minimize damage to lawns, streams and concrete.

If your pets spend time in treated areas make sure you wipe their paws with a damp towel after they come back inside. Even some products labeled as pet friendly can cause severe illness to pets if ingested.

A safe alternative that will help with icy surfaces is kitty litter and/or sawdust.

To view the Consumer Reports Ice-Melt Guide and product comparison, visit [Consumer Reports.org](http://ConsumerReports.org).

2014 Citizen Survey Enclosed

The feedback received from these annual surveys helps City Council and staff to be better informed when making important decisions regarding the future of our city.

Please take a few minutes to let us know how you feel about spending, events, city facilities and future programs.

Return your survey to the Finance Office by January 30 and receive a \$3.00 credit on your next utility bill. Survey results will be made available in a future newsletter.



City employees, Council members and advisory committees recently donated \$2,265 to the local Toys For Tots effort. Each year the group works to raise funds for this worthy cause.



The City now accepts all major credit cards for utility payments, building permits and zoning fees.



No Parking on Snow Routes if 4" or more is predicted.



SAFETY REMINDER
Sturgis emergency responders are asking home owners to please make sure your home is clearly identified with your correct house number. The number should be easily viewed from the street.

Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
City Attorney 347-4422
Code Enforcement and Inspections 347-4422

Finance Office 347-4422
Human Resources 347-4422
Rally Department 720-0800
1040 2nd Street

Community Center 347-6513
5:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Fri.
8:00 - 8:00 Sat.
Noon - 8:00 Sun.
1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801
Emergency 911
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624
8:00 - 7:00 Mon. - Thur.
8:30 - 5:00 Fri.
8:30 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 2nd Street

Liquor Store 347-5983
8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.
10:00 - 6:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1920 Ballpark Road
Shelter Reservations call 347-4422

Police Department 347-5070
Emergency 911
1400 Main Street

Public Works 347-3916
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site 347-5605
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Sat.
20492 Avalanch Road

Water Department 347-4422
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1040 2nd Street
After Hours Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573
Payment Drop Box:
City Hall 1040 2nd Street